

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 8, 9, 18 and 19 is appreciated.

Claim 21 has been amended to include the subject matter of canceled claims 6, 7 and 9, wherein claim 9 was deemed to contain allowable subject matter. Claim 25 was amended to include the subject matter of canceled claims 16-18, wherein claim 18 was deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, the claims are now deemed allowable over the art of record. No new subject matter has been entered, and no new issues requiring further consideration and search are raised. Therefore, entry of foregoing Amendment is respectfully requested


Claims 5, 6, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nakamura et al. (US 5,768,095). Claims 15, 16, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as rendered obvious and unpatentable, over Nakamura et al. Claims 7 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as rendered obvious and unpatentable, over Nakamura et al. in view of Lee et al. Claims, 3, 10 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as rendered obvious and unpatentable, over Lee et al. in view of Sasai et al. (US 6,426,803).

The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections in view of the foregoing Amendment which have rendered the rejections moot.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, withdraw the objections and/or rejections and pass the application to issue in view of the above amendments and/or remarks.

Should a Petition for extension of time be required with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is kindly requested to treat this paragraph as such a request and is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of the incurred fee if, **and only if**, a petition for extension of time be required **and** a check of the requisite amount is not enclosed.

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